(d) A Centrally Sponsored National Oilseeds Development Project is in operation in selected districts of 17 oilseeds growing States for increasing the production of oilseeds. One of the strategic under the project is to increase the area under oilseeds through sequential and inter.cropping both under rainfed and irrigated conditions as well as introdution of oil-•eed crops in new areas.

Land Grabbing by Zamindars

1475. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) how many complaints Delhi Administration have received regarding land grabbing by infiuencial zamindars during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number *of* cases in which Delhi administration took steps to evict the illegal encroachers, year-wise; and

(c) whether legal proceedings have been initiated against encroachers, if so, how many proceedings have been initiated during the last three years and how many such proceedings are presently pending?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH). (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Research and Development On Oilseeds

1476. SHRI T. R. BALU:

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY;

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent for Research and Development vis-a-vis ohseeds in the country during the last three years;

(b) the details of the research presently being carried in different institutes across the country and its out come;

(c) what are the future plans of Government regarding research and development during the current plan and also in the next plan; and

(d) whether there is any long term plicy regarding research and development of oilseeds, and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTHRE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) A statement showing the total expenditure of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) vis-avis oilseeds is enclosed *(See* below).

(b) The Indian Council of Agricultural Reearch, through its Institutes and Coordinated Research Programmes, is engaged in evolving improved varieties and profitable production and protection technologies for various oilseeds growing situations|regions. The researches have led to the development of appropriate production and protection technology and a large number of improved high seed and oil yielding varieties and hybrids for commercial cultivation in the country.

(c) During the current and next Plan, it is proposed to enhance and stabilise production through improved rainfed farming, inter-cropping, de-lopment of drought, disease and Pest resistant varieties, crop substitution and also in bringing large irrigated areas under oileeds.

(d) The long-term plans are to (i> evolve and popularise new high-yielding varieties with in-built resistance to various biotic and abiotic stresses, (ii) increae coconut productivity and (iii) develop oil-palm plantations on a large scale.

Statement

Expenditure by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research on oilseeds research

(Rs. in crores)

Year		Total	Oilseeds
1984-85		142-80	1-714
1985-86		151-38	1-736
1986-87	•	168-84	2-126
	TOTAL :	463-02	5-576

NOTE; In addition a number of Institute like Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi Central Research Institute on Dryland Agriculture, Hyd-rabad; Central Institute for Agricultural Enginee-ing, Bhopal; and State Agricultural Universities, are incurring expenditure on research on different crops which include oilseeds also. As such, it is difficult to apportion the total expenditure on oilseeds

New Project for sponge iron

1477. SHRI NARESH C. PUGLIA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a 'act that there are huge deposits of iron ore in the districts of Chandrapur and Gadchiroli in Maharashtra;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to grant licence for setting up of new project of sponge iron;

(c) how many applications in this regard have been received so far; and

(d) the decision taken by Government with particulars of the applications accepted for setting up of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) The total estimated reserves of iron ore are 24 million tonnes in Chandrapur District and 116 million tonnes in Gadchiroli District of Maharashtra.

(b) Sponge Iron Industry has been delicensed from March 85. Only such companies as come within the purview of MRTP Act are required to obtain an Industrial Licence. No application from any unit in Maharashtra fat grant of Industrial Licence is pending.

(c) and (d) One such application for grant of an industrial licence has been received and a Letter of Intent has already been issued in this case.

National Commission on urbanisation.

1478. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVE-LOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Commission on Urbanisation has submitted any report; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH); (a) Yes, Sir. An interim report has been received in January, 1987.

(b) The report, besides giving an overview of urbanisation, deals with some of the legal constraints on urban development, such as the ceiling on urban land holdings and rent con-trol acts and proposes accelerated developrmnt and growth of nerve centres, besides reiterating possibilities of strengthening and revitalising the national cities.

Allocations of edible oils etc. to the States

1479. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of palmo-lein oil allocation requested by Government of Maharashtra In the festival season of August-October, 19M',